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Comment of the day

MESSAGES OF HOPE

THE Christmas bells rang out all right, but here and there was a note out of tune, and on some occasions, the bells sounded as if they were cracked.

For instance, while most countries settled down for a few days of goodwill and peace, in the Congo they used the opportunity to write off old scores, and someone or other, by continuing the absurd nonsense of piling a few rival party leaders under restraint, managed to avoid any break in the continuity of what must be this century's most ridiculous political situation.

Neither was there much peace and goodwill in Belgium, where a strike paralysed the country, and brought everything and everyone to a standstill. Here the domestic scene of peace was bedevilled with domestic politics, and amid sounds of political strife, Christmas was ushered in. And just as we were all growing more hopeful that in our religious affairs, at least, we were beginning to achieve something like "all one body we," there was strife at Bethlehem itself, because a member of an order claiming so much territory on the site of the Nativity, happened to stub his toe on a step within the precincts of a rival order.

YET if there are those who delight in strife and conflict, there are considerable forces equally determined to strive for peace, and in less bellicose tones, their leaders have announced to the world an implacable desire to give the world peace.

Most of the English speaking world will now be acquainted with the contents of the simple message broadcast by the Queen of England, and what is just as important, many millions more saw this year the manner and the mode of sending out such a message. There was no pomp nor ceremony about the affair. Here was a woman, entrusted to a task before which lesser people would wilt.

Yet the message itself, couched in straightforward terms, spoke of the disappointments of 1960, hinted at the determined personal efforts Her Majesty will be making in 1961, to bring peace to this strife-haunted generation.

ANOTHER hopeful report was given to the world's Press by Mr. Macmillan. The Prime Minister reaffirmed his message of last October, when he spoke of himself as a trustee of the people's peace, and of his determination to talk to the statesmen of the world in the light of the responsibilities of his office.

For it is in the patience and the calm of such a manner, Mr. Macmillan epitomised, that hope for the Western world lies, and while his quietness and his confidence irritates, or seems so to do, younger and less reasonable states, it should be remembered that the British Prime Minister is the custodian of a rich memory and a considerable heritage. If only the simpler and more richly endowed states would remember that the heritage they now enjoy was not obtained without struggle, and indeed, revolution, and that patience in the affairs of other nations which are now enduring what once their own forefathers endured, would help us along to the understanding which is universally needed before we can talk of peace. These points were made in their manner by both the Queen and her senior Minister during this holiday season, and such reasoning fills us with hope.

Catholic union federation refuses to join strike BELGIUM HALF PARALYSED

King may return to capital

Brussels, Dec. 27.

Belgium is rushing back troops from Nato bases in Germany to deal with growing violence in the Socialist-led strike.

This news, coupled with indications that King Baudouin is preparing to fly back to the capital from his honeymoon castle in Spain, underlined the serious turn which events have taken in the last few days.

The only ray of hope to come in a day which featured massive demonstrations and violence in the centre of Brussels, was the announcement by the Belgian Catholic Trade Union Federation—representing about half the country's workers—that they would not join the strike now half-paralysing the country.

The Catholic Federation said methods adopted by strikers—which include Belgium's Communist Party—"are not only ruining the country's economy, but endanger the social position of the wage-earner and threaten our democratic institutions."

The decision taken by the Catholic Federation follows Cardinal Van Roey's condemnation of the strike against the Government of Catholic Premier Mr. Gaston Eyskens, as "unlawful."

Political observers said the Catholic Union's decision strengthens the position of the Government, but at the same time threatens a repetition of the north-south split which brought the country to the verge of civil war 10 years ago on the issue of King Leopold's planned return to the throne.

Congo losses

The strike is against the Government's austerity bill now before Parliament which is designed partly to pay for Belgium's Congo losses.

Although King Baudouin has made no definite decision to return home, a plane of the Royal Flight left Brussels for Seyille this afternoon to stand by for an early return by the king, in the hope that his presence might help to calm political passions.

Despite government claims that the strike was a failure, leaders of Socialist unions, allied with Belgium's largest opposition party, called for new walkouts in American-owned and other factories in the port city of Antwerp.

The strike call in Antwerp appeared designed to effect a reported back-to-work movement in the northern city where the socialists generally are in a minority.

Public Affairs Minister Pierre Harmel said most government workers were at their posts and Antwerp port operations were beginning to return to normal. The port has been idle for days.

Nothing major

No major change was reported today in the extent of the strike, which continued to largely paralysed public services and main industries in the French-speaking "red belt" in the south.

In the Flemish-speaking north, where response to the strike call has been scattered, there were conflicting reports. A government spokesman expressed "satisfaction" that a strike call for today had been ignored by all but a handful of civil servants.

In Brussels, riot police rushed to Socialist Party headquarters

with wailing sirens to clear a mass of strikers from the tramlines and release a waiting queue of yellow trams.

Heavy police reinforcements cordoned off the main department stores and guarded the post office. Commando and paratroop guards were redoubled at stations and public buildings.

As they marched through the city centre, demonstrators chanted anti-government slogans, disconnected tram trolleys from the wires, and yelled for "a general strike."

Common action

On trams, cars and on lamp-posts, strikers stuck leaflets reading "La loi unique, la loi du malheur" (the austerity bill, bill of misery).

A railway worker was hurt in a clash with pickets near Namur, and minor sabotage on the railway was reported.

A statement issued by "common action" (of socialist trade unions and cooperatives) condemned the government's "intention of occupying the radio and television" and demanded that Parliament should be recalled.

In La Louviere, a main strike centre in the southern industrial belt, 20,000 demonstrators massed in a square roared with approval when a strike leader told them: "We do not bow before Hitler. We are not going to bow before Eyskens" (the Belgian Premier).

Stormed buildings

At Hasselt, in the northern Flemish-speaking Limburg province, strikers tore up paving stones outside the general post office, stormed into the building, scattered mail over the floor, and trampled on it.

When riot police appeared the strikers fled.—All agencies.

THREE HURT IN BLAZE

Three people—two men and a woman—were injured when a fire broke out on the sixth floor of a block, 11 Cheng Uk resettlement estate, Shamshuipo shortly after 2 am today.

Four fire engines were rushed to the fire which was put out half an hour later. The injured were admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering from burns.

Two rooms of the sixth floor were completely gutted. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

BOAT ON FIRE

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Six fishermen were killed and another was seriously burned when their fishing boat dipped at Tokyo Bay, caught fire early on Wednesday.—AP.

7 DIE IN WELSH CRASH



Pictured by the railway track at Pyle, Glamorgan, is a wrecked television service van which was hit by a goods train after smashing through a stone parapet in thick fog and plunging 25ft. on to the track. Seven people were killed. Six of them, five men and a woman, were occupants of the van. The other man who saw the vehicle leave the road and went to help was also killed by the train.—Reuterphoto.

Fireman accuses U.S. Navy of sloppiness

New York, Dec. 27.

City Fire Commissioner Edward Cavanagh today accused the U.S. Navy of "messy, deplorable and sloppy" housekeeping before the fire that took 49 lives aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation.

BUSMEN STRAND THOUSANDS

London, Dec. 27.

More than 10,000 striking busmen in many parts of Britain today left thousands of travellers stranded on return journeys from friends and relatives after Christmas.

The busmen were protesting against the decision of private bus companies not to give them a day off to compensate for working today, while most of the country, save in an extended Christmas weekend.

Most services owned by local authorities were running as the men on them had been given extra pay and a day off at a later date.

LONG WALKS

But outside major towns and cities, people faced long walks home if they could not get lifts.

In Wales 7,000 men from six companies were striking. Over 2,500 were out in Bristol, and 800 in Bath.

Other affected areas were Essex, Worcestershire, Wolverhampton and Malden. There were no buses at all in Oxford, Sunderland and the Thames Valley.—China Mail Special.

Holiday road toll in U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 27. Traffic accidents killed at least 485 Americans during the long Christmas weekend. America's traffic toll for the holiday was less than last year's 493 and the lowest for a three-day Christmas period since 1940 when the total was 418.

There were fewer lives lost on the highways than the National Safety Council had estimated. The council's pre-holiday warning was that 510 deaths could be expected.—AP.

Mr. Cavanagh delivered a two-and-a-half-hour tirade before a Navy court of inquiry against conditions found aboard the vessel.

"He said that if a factory or other building in New York City had been found in such condition 'we would have ordered it vacated'."

"We would have ordered work stopped and the premises cleaned up," Mr. Cavanagh said. "We have shut up buildings after finding conditions not as bad as existed on this vessel."

The Commissioner said there was no support for the statement that the \$75 million fire on December 19 was a million-to-one chance.

On the contrary, he said, the huge carrier heaving complacently at the Brooklyn Navy yard had been a fully-loaded bomb which needed only ignition.

Mr. Cavanagh added he was only surprised that the fire hadn't happened sooner.

Mr. Cavanagh told the Navy court it would have cost the Navy \$12,000 to impregnate its wooden staging with a fire retardant.

This, he said, would have reduced the extent of the fire considerably. The original oil fire from a tank of diesel fuel was put out in a half hour, the Commissioner said, but firemen fought a wood fire for many more hours.—AP.

Kennedy selects Navy secretary

Palm Beach, Dec. 27.

US President-elect John Kennedy today named John Connally of Fort Worth, Texas, a close associate of Vice-President-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, to be US Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Connally managed Mr. Johnson's unsuccessful bid for the Democratic Party presidential nomination. He also served Mr. Johnson in earlier years as an administrative assistant in the House of Representatives and Senate. He managed Mr. Johnson's successful Senate campaign in 1948.

A Texas lawyer for more than 20 years, Mr. Connally is 43 and a World War II navy veteran.—AP.

India Government officials blackmailed

New York, Dec. 27.

At least two Indian Government officials have been blackmailed into spying for Russia by Kremlin style "Mata Hari", according to a report from New Delhi.

CBS correspondent Arthur Bonner identified the impressionable Indians as A. D. Bahaduri, a section officer in the Foreign Ministry, and Chiranjit Singh Chawla, a code clerk in the Foreign Ministry, both were arrested over the Christmas weekend in New Delhi, he said.

According to the CBS report, Bahaduri and Chawla had worked until recently at the Indian Embassy in Moscow. Bonner gave this "unofficial" account of their recruitment as spies.

Invited to parties

"They were introduced to two Russian girls and were frequently invited to parties at which pictures were taken of them with the girls," after a while the Russians told them the girls were expecting babies. The Russians agreed to hush up the scandal but when Bahaduri and Chawla returned to New Delhi, they were contacted by Soviet intelligence agents and blackmailed into becoming spies.

Bonner said two other members of the ring were arrested a few weeks ago in New Delhi. He said the Russians made friends with them by inviting them to request free films at the Russian Embassy. A fifth spy, Capt Jagjit Singh, a former Indian Army officer, also has been arrested, Bonner said.—UPI.

NO PLANS FOR MARGARET

London, Dec. 27.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said today he has heard of no plans for Princess Margaret to become governor of the Bahamas.

The spokesman declined to comment further on reports that the Princess would become the Queen's representative in Nassau and would live there with her husband, Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

The Princess' name has come up in press reports several times in the past for overseas posts, including that of the governor-generalship of Canada.—UPI.

HK ASKED TO DENY KOREAN ASYLUM

Seoul, Dec. 28.

South Korea has asked British authorities to deny a Hongkong visa to Yiu Tai-ha, former Ambassador to Tokyo and protégé of deposed President Syngman Rhee, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

The disclosure was made following reports that Yiu, denied asylum in Japan where he has remained since Rhee's overthrow, is expected to seek refuge in Hongkong.

Yiu, one of Rhee's most trusted lieutenants, has been told by Japanese authorities that he must leave Japan by January 25.

The Foreign Ministry official said that in asking British refusal of a Hongkong visa, Seoul had informed British authorities that Yiu is not in possession of a valid passport.

South Korea wants Yiu returned to Seoul where he would face possible investigation and trial as a key figure in the fallen Rhee regime.—AP.

MISSING AT SEA

London, Dec. 27.

Edwin Woo, a 32-year-old Washington architect, was missing when the German liner Bayernstein called at Cowes, Isle of Wight, on Boxing Day from Yokohama.

His cabin was found empty with the portholes open. It was established that he had not been seen since Christmas night.

Ships in the area were told by radio to keep a look out.—AFP.

Defiance of Kasavubu

Leopoldville, Dec. 27.

Pro-Lumumba troops headed toward Kivu Province tonight in another indication that the province may join Oriental Province in defiance of Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu.

The United Nations reported that the Oriental Province government in Stanleyville was sending troops loyal to

Imprisoned ex-Premier Patrice Lumumba to reinforce pro-Lumumba garrisons in Kivu Province.

The report, coming on the eve of the alleged Christmas kidnapping of five Kivu officials, including the provincial governor, indicated Kivu may now join Communist-ruled Aboitse Gambia in the Stanleyville-based rebel government.

These developments threatened to cancel Kasavubu's projected state visit to Bukavu, the Kivu capital, next week. Authorities feared Mr. Kasavubu might be arrested if he made the trip.

The United Nations said only they would try to help free the five kidnapped Kivu officials "if the occasion arises"—UPI.

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Wall Street closes slightly easier

New York, Dec. 27. Stocks closed slightly easier today as traders lacked the fortitude to bring about the expected year-end rally.

Aircraft, defence issues and utilities provided some favourable stimulation but the overall list drifted along in the doldrums.

American Telephone rose well over a point to give life to the Dow Jones Industrial average but Johns-Manville sagged around 2 points and other building shares were soft.

IBM was the best performer in a dull electronics section with a gain of better than 2 while Texas Instruments lost around the same amount.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Market this morning amounted to approximately \$3 million. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Boom in U.S. economy predicted

New York, Dec. 27. The economy of the United States already is moving toward a broad advance that will produce a sizable boom within a year, the editors of Fortune said today.

In making their annual 18-month forecast, the Fortune editors predicted jobs would start getting more plentiful this spring and that the gross national product will rise 9 per cent to a rate of \$345 billion.

Getting down to major details, Fortune said defence spending would grow by \$2,500 million a year and total federal spending \$8,000 million, while industry's capital spending will hit a record rate of \$31,000 million a year.

Fortune also forecast housing starts climbing to an annual rate of 14 million from the present 12 million, an advance of 2 per cent in the general price level and 3 per cent in the wage level.

Consumer spending, the magazine said, will rise 4 per cent and personal income 9 per cent in terms of present dollars.

By late 1961, Fortune expects savings to resume their normal rate of 7.4 per cent of spendable income.

And Fortune's editors expect a relaxation of credit—UPI.

There had been less concentration of trade with the United States and a growing relative importance in trade with the United Kingdom, West Germany and Japan.

Over four years the proportion of Canadian exports to the U.S. has declined from 59 to 57 per cent, while at the same time the U.S. share of the Canadian import market had declined from 73 per cent to less than 68 per cent.—UPI.

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Soybean futures opened with gains ranging to almost a cent. Prices weakened under profit-taking by longs.

Nearly wheat contracts fell sharply while distant months eased. Local and commission interests sold wheat. Commercial houses bought.

No export sales were reported. Shippers said about 1,154,000 bushels of red wheat have been loaded out of Chicago by barge since the movement began.

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The General Tire and Rubber Company in its fiscal year ended November 30 had sales of \$725 million, the largest in its history. Mr. G. O'Neill, the president, told the New York Society of Security Analysts.

"Net income," Mr. O'Neill said, "will be the second greatest in the company's history, amounting to approximately \$21 million or \$3.75 a share."—China Mail Special.

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GOOD TRADE YEAR FOR CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 27. In a realistic review of the past year, Trade Minister George Hees said today that, while 1960 was a year of notable economic achievement, it left no grounds for complacency behind, but rather a major challenge.

"Canada has moved ahead, but so have other countries," Hees said, adding: "Conditions of ample supply and intensified competition—throughout the trading world have exerted a retarding effect upon the absorption of new productive resources."

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BRITAIN'S EXPORT PROSPECTS SAID ENCOURAGING

London, Dec. 27. The annual industrial inquiry of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research is surprisingly encouraging about Britain's production and export prospects. It makes these points.

The rise in capital goods is at least twice as large as the fall in consumer goods and it is continuing. The end of the car boom has removed the capacity bottlenecks and shortages of materials. Slack industries have cut working hours instead of releasing labour.

Car manufacturers believe some of the fall in export demand may be temporary, due for instance to excessive stocks in the United States. World demand for capital goods is slowly rising and German firms may have lost some of their competitive advantage compared to British firms.

A few makers of plant and machine tools have a remarkable rise in exports. Most makers of capital goods expect bigger exports. Five-sixths of electrical engineers and two-thirds of other engineers expect to export more.

Some export improvement is also expected in light electrical engineering products, to Europe including the prosperous German market, and the European Free Trade Area rather than the traditional Commonwealth markets.

All manufacturers of domestic appliances, radio and television components, and fractional horsepower motors plan to increase exports.

A slackening of internal steel demand will enable larger exports but there may not be a market for all products.

Steel manufacturers are not expecting to operate at full capacity for much longer.

Productivity in chemicals has risen remarkably. Less pressure of home demand should continue to enlarge exports but American competition in world markets is becoming fierce.

The credit squeeze has led many firms to curtail their capital expansion plans. On the contrary, some have made upward adjustments.

Even the car firms may do nothing worse than some rephasing as output of cars is expected to rise. Total output in 1961 may not be substantially less than in 1960. Expansion plans for commercial vehicles have been speeded up.

There are some weak spots, especially in aircraft but the Institute's general picture is surprisingly buoyant.

Industry may be kept going reasonably well next year with only the gradual and moderate restrictions that are the Government's obvious policy.

The car slump has done less general damage than was feared. By easing the physical bottlenecks it has done some good. If it also eases the labour shortage it will have done more good than harm.—China Mail Special.

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Drop in U.S. steel production

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 27. Mill operations were expected to drop to the lowest level of the year this week despite a flurry of orders by steelmakers, Steel Magazine said.

Operations for the week were expected to be 40 per cent of capacity or less. However, bookings for next month are 5 to 10 per cent better than December.

Signs of a slight upturn were seen in increased demand for all country goods, near completion of inventory adjustments by service centres, and in plate orders from manufacturers for January and February.

The scrap market also is improving, the metalworking weekly said. Brokers are seeking to cover commitments before an expected January rise in steelmaking generates market strength.

Steelmaking scrap pushed prices up \$1 a ton on a number of leading grades in Chicago. Domestic prices on the No. 2 heavy melting steel and No. 2 bundles advanced \$1 in Philadelphia.

In San Francisco, Japanese buyers were reported paying \$4 to \$5 a ton above domestic prices for top grade steel scrap.

Last week, steelmaking operations were at 48.9 per cent of capacity, 1.8 points below the previous week, for an output of about 1,335,000 ingot tons, a new low for the year.—UPI.

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Danger of world blow-up

Scientists told of their responsibility

New York, Dec. 27. In six years or less a dozen nations including China will have A-bombs and H-bombs, a noted British scientist-writer said today.

"Within, at the most, 10 years some of those bombs are going off, I am saying this as responsibly as I can. That is the certainty," said Sir Charles Snow.

"We know, with the certainty of statistical truth, that if enough of these weapons are made—by enough of the states—some of them are going to blow up," he declared.

"Through accident, or folly, or madness—but the motives don't matter."

Sir Charles Snow is author of several novels among them "The Affair," and "The Two Cultures."

"We are faced with an either-or, and we haven't much time," he told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

DISASTER

Either the United States must accept a restriction of nuclear armaments, beginning, as a token, with the halting of nuclear tests, or risk nuclear catastrophe, he said. He added: "On the one side, therefore, we have a finite risk. On the other side we have a certainty of disaster. Between a risk and a certainty, a sane man does not hesitate."

"It is the plain duty of scientists to explain this either-or, it is a duty which seems to me to come from the moral nature of the scientific activity itself."

Scientists cannot remain ethically neutral. They cannot say we have made the tools, and if you use them badly, it is no concern of ours, Sir Charles Snow said.

"Scientists are the most important occupational group in the world today," he said. "At this moment, what they do is of passionate concern to the whole of human society."

"For all these reasons, I believe the world community of scientists has a final responsibility upon it—a greater responsibility than is pressing on any other body of men," he added. He cited personal, inextinguishable hope that they would bear this responsibility well.

Scientists also have the same duty regarding the benevolent powers of science, he said. For scientists know "that we possess every scientific fact we need to transform the physical life of half the world, and transform it within the span of people now living."

"I mean, we have all the resources to help half the world live as long as we do, and eat enough. All that is missing is the will. We know that," he said. He added:

"We are sitting like people in a smart and cozy restaurant. Daven on the pavement are people who are looking up at us, people who by chance have different coloured skins than ours, and are rather hungry. Do you wonder that they don't like us all that much? Do you wonder that we sometimes feel ashamed of ourselves, as we look out through that plate glass?"

Sir Charles Snow said that the moral qualities he admires in scientists are simple ones such as "courage, truth-telling, and kindness. He said he thought scientists make slightly better husbands and fathers than most men.—AP.

Adopt Indonesian nationality

Samarang, Java, Dec. 27. Government sources reported here last week, that during this year 3,761 Communist Chinese citizens had elected to adopt Indonesian nationality.

Indonesian Chinese, who until recently have been able to enjoy Indonesian and Chinese citizenship, must now choose one or the other.

Many have elected to return to China. There are about 176,000 Chinese in central Java.—Reuter.

Minister marries Negress



The Rev. Glyn Bruce, 31, Pastor of the Unitarian Chapel, Hale Barns, Cheshire, and Miss Edna Wilson, 27, an American Negress, of Wilmington, Delaware, were married on Christmas Eve in England. The couple met three years ago at Oxford when Mr Bruce was studying theology.—Express Photo.

Kennedy plans vigorous space programme

Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 27. Mr Lyndon Johnson, United States Vice-President-elect, announced today that the incoming Kennedy Administration was planning a vigorous and accelerated space-exploration programme.

Mr Johnson, who is due to become Chairman of the National Aeronautics and Space Advisory Council, gave no details of the planned programme in his announcement at a press conference at President-elect John Kennedy's holiday headquarters.

He and Senator Robert Kerr of Oklahoma, who is to become Chairman of the Senate space committee after the Kennedy Administration takes office next month, had just ended a two-day conference with Mr Kennedy.

Mr Johnson told reporters that the President-elect had asked Senator Kerr and himself to explore work now being done and up to 1965, and "attempt to have an evaluation ready for a space council when it is named after Senator Kennedy assumes the presidency."

OUTLAY

He said proposed plans for the next fiscal year, which begins next July 1, called for about \$2,000 million (about £714 million) for the space programme. "And that steps up to almost \$5,000 million (about £1,785 million) in 1965," Mr Johnson added.

"The President-elect wants the programme reviewed with a fine toothcomb, with a view to determining whether any money is being spent that shouldn't be spent and whether all is being done that should be done."

He is determined that America forge ahead and occupy her proper place of leadership in that field," he said.

"You will find that when the new administration takes office, they will have a very vigorous and accelerated programme,"—Reuter.

Leave cancelled in Ceylon

Colombo, Dec. 27.

All leave in Ceylon's public service is cancelled for two weeks from January 1.

This has been done in view of the heavy administrative work anticipated in connection with the switch-over to Sinhalese as Ceylon's official language.

According to the Evening Times of Ceylon, leave for members of the armed forces has also been cancelled for the same period.

Two freighters collide off Texas coast

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28. A crippled Norwegian freighter limped into Galveston Bay yesterday after colliding with a Greek vessel 12 miles off the Texas coast.

Denial at divorce court

Los Angeles, Dec. 28. A divorcee who wants Dennis Crosby named the legal father of her illegitimate three-year-old daughter denied in court that she had a 1957 tryst in Palm Springs with another man. Mrs. Mary Miller Scott testified yesterday she had been to Palm Springs only twice—both times in 1956—once with a girl friend and another time with her ex-husband.

A WEEKEND

Crosby, 26, one of Bing Crosby's four singing sons by his first wife, has admitted intimacy with Mrs. Scott but denied fathering her daughter, Denise Michelle.

A witness summoned by Crosby's lawyer testified last week that Mrs. Scott and another man shared a bedroom in February 1957 during a weekend in Palm Springs.

Mrs. Scott's former employer today produced records purportedly showing that Mrs. Scott was at work on the day she was alleged to have returned from the desert resort.—AP.

No one was injured in the collision yesterday of the 4,000-ton Fernmoor and the 8,100-ton Greek freighter, Tharros. The Fernmoor's 13 passengers, mostly Norwegian seamen en route home or to new assignments, arrived in Houston on Monday night after Coast Guardmen transferred them to an American freighter that happened to be in the vicinity of the collision.

INVESTIGATION The Coast Guard ordered an investigation. There was indication fog caused the collision. Coast Guard spokesmen here, however, would only say the ships collided while visibility was "not more than 30 yards." The Tharros, with a damaged bow, moved into Galveston Bay under her own power. Two tugboats aided the Fernmoor. Coast Guard spokesmen said the full extent of the damage to the Fernmoor had not been determined but the vessel was listing because water was entering the engine room and one hold.—AP.

50 SUPPLY SHIPS FOR W. GERMAN NAVY

Bonn, Dec. 27. West Germany plans to build 45 to 50 supply ships for its navy with a total tonnage of about 100,000 tons, a Defence Minister spokesman said here today.

He added, in reply to questions, that building of the larger ships in the programme could not be imposed until tonnage restrictions stamped under the Brussels treaty of the West European Union were revised.

At present, West German warships are restricted to 3,000 tons, and the government is seeking the raising of this limit to 6,000 tons.

RAPID GROWTH The building of four big supply ships of 4,500 tons each in German shipyards is planned under the new programme. It also includes 11 auxiliary vessels of 3,000 tons each, seven fleet tankers of 4,500 tons, and seven of 600 tons each.

West German naval sources said that following the recent more rapid growth of the West German Navy, the need for a greater supply capacity at sea had grown.

A recent Defence Ministry announcement put the strength of the West German Navy at 185 ships and 24,000 men. It is planned to reach a strength of 22 squadrons and 25,000 men by 1963.—Reuter.

Ceylon police search schools

Colombo, Dec. 27. Police today searched all Roman Catholic schools "occupied" by Roman Catholic families as a protest against the Government take-over of denominational schools. According to the police, the searches were conducted to find whether Molotov cocktails and other dangerous weapons were hidden in schools.

A few days ago, the police claimed to have found three Molotov cocktails in a classroom of a school near Colombo.—AFP.

EXPECTING CHILD

Hollywood, Dec. 27. Sammy Davis Jr. announced today that he and his bride of six weeks, blonde May Britt, expect a baby next July or August.

The Negro entertainer and the Swedish actress were married on November 13 in a Jewish ceremony at which Frank Sinatra was best man.—UPI.

Saboteurs active in Havana

Havana, Dec. 27. Two new bomb explosions rocked Havana today as underground saboteurs stepped up their campaign aimed at giving Cuban Premier Fidel Castro "no rest."

Fourteen persons were injured in a noon-hour explosion in a department store. One woman was treated for shock and scores of employees evacuated in a second bomb blast at a power plant.

Police evacuated residents from a 10-block area around the power plant, when a second unexploded bomb was found. A similar explosion at the plant a few weeks ago knocked out Havana's power supply for 48 hours.—UPI.

1960's freak accidents PEDESTRIAN HIT BY A BEAR ON A MOTORCYCLE

Chicago, Dec. 27. A pedestrian who was hit by a bear on a motorcycle, a woman driver whose car was struck by a moving tree and a motorist who rammed into the rear of his own car were the most unusual of 1960's freak accidents in the U.S.

The National Safety Council, which compiles the list of strange mishaps, said there were many others.

Like Robert Coon, of Michigan, who found a 60-foot box car in his basement. Or Richard Silverstein of Detroit whose foot was run over by a house.

The case of the cycling bear occurred early in the year in Miami beach, when the talented bear was riding around a ring on the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus lot.

The bear lost control and fell into a trench. Walter Klauer, trainer, was treated for 100 fractures at a hospital.

Traffic officers were sceptical when Marie Rattick, of Toledo, Ohio, reported that her investigation proved she was right. The tree, officers learned, was being hauled by a city truck which tumbled into Miss Rattick's car.

E. Verr, of Missouri, had smashed a half-million miles of accident-free driving—and then it happened. He rammed his company car into the rear of another car, which turned left to beat him.

The driver's car was in the driver's seat, and the car was in the driver's seat, and the car was in the driver's seat.

When he tried to jump back, he missed his grip and the house rolled over his foot.

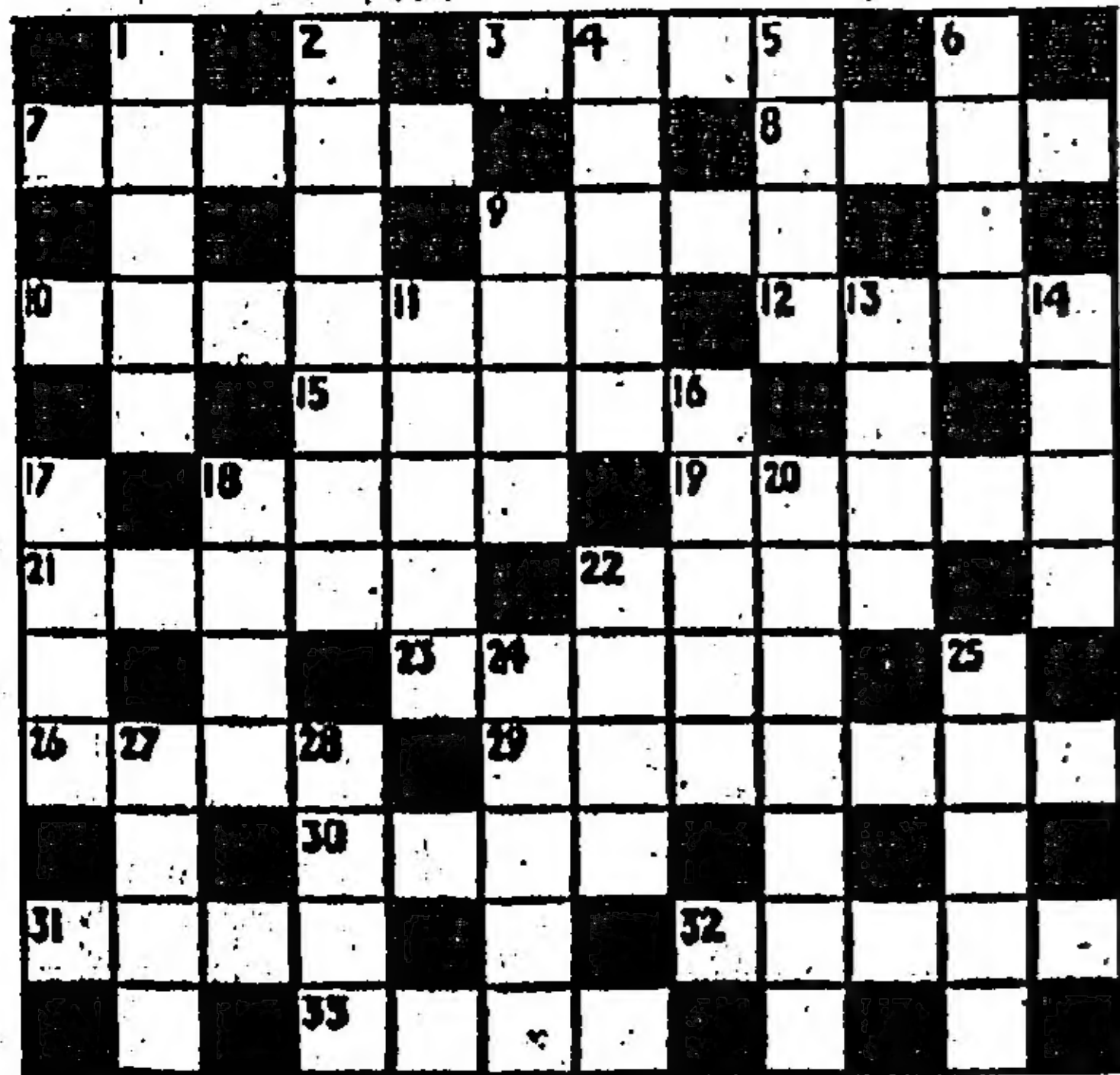
Elton, twirler Keith Hodges of Santa Barbara, Calif., dipped his stick into the sun during a parade. A gust of wind sent it sailing, and it hit California Gov. Edmund G. Brown on the head.

Then there was Jerry McMahon, of San Francisco, McMahon, an automobile mechanic, thought he detected more of a 1964 than a 1960 when he started the engine on his car.

He was right. When he turned off the engine, he realized the car was a 1964, and he was riding on top of a 1960.

When he tried to jump back, he missed his grip and the house rolled over his foot.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- In the centre of things. (4)
 - The Blue Boy? (5)
 - Is blown melodiously. (4)
 - Useless. (4)
 - Protective power. (7)
 - Raised by popular approval. (4)
 - Passengers who pay them. (5)
 - The 11th hour, perhaps. (4)
 - Where Greek meets Greek? (5)
 - Drop us a line! (5)
 - Hot spot. (4)
 - Went in headlong. (5)
 - Fool a bird? (4)
 - Take off. (7)
 - Old-fashioned jazz. (4)
 - Norse god. (4)
 - Take across in a boat. (5)
 - Like ditchwater. (4)
- DOWN
- Go gay. (5)
 - A good match? (7)
 - Free-for-all. (5)
 - Open and shut affair. (4)
 - Mounted game. (4)
 - Unit of area. (4)
 - Given a little. (5)
 - Prepare to admit. (4)
 - It's as easy as pie to make! (4)
 - Put by. (5)
 - Ill-gotten gains. (4)
 - Money holder. (4)
 - Slimmed. (7)
 - Above. (4)
 - Could be better. (5)
 - Unrelenting. (5)
 - Hindustani. (4)
 - Help out temporarily. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1 Surrey, 7 Palm, 9 Amigo, 10 Lions, 11 Olive, 13 Night-owls, 15 Fend, 16 Bear, 19 Follow-leader, 22 Ball, 24 Come, 25 Rotor, 26 Lion, 27 Ending. Down 1 Using, 3 Root, 4 Yellow, 5 Incorporated, 6 Miles, 8 Pulse, 12 Pick, 13 Apollo, 14 Horatio, 17 After, 18 Floor, 20 World, 21 Eden, 23 Acid.

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CURZON or KITCHENER?

For three years these giants fought for supremacy in India ... and only one could survive

THE battle royal which raged between Curzon and Kitchener for supremacy in India lasted for three years. It was a bitter and titanic struggle between two vain-glorious men—and, so far as their careers were concerned, it was war to death.

Mary Curzon realised at once that here was a dangerous adversary. She used all her charm and gentleness in an attempt to disarm Kitchener at the start. But Curzon saw his new Commander-in-Chief simply as a quaint, rather wild, character who could be managed in the same way as an unruly boy by a wise father.

"He seems to think that the military government of India is to be conducted by cordiality between him and me (he wrote patronisingly). Accordingly, he came, and points out to me all sorts of schemes. It is all so frank and honest and good-tempered that one cannot meet these advances with a rebuff."

To apply the adjectives "honest" and "frank" and "good-tempered" to Kitchener was naive indeed. He was, if anything, even more tortuous of character than Curzon. But the Viceroy treated him like a new and rather snappish dog. "He stands aloof and alone," he wrote, "a molten mass of devouring energy and burning ambition without anybody to control or guide him in the right direction."

Curzon had no doubt that he would be the Sengul of this restless military Tolly.

He objected

For the first few months, Kitchener gave every outward sign of being an amenable deputy. But he made it quite clear that he wanted all military affairs in his hands, and he strongly objected that Curzon had no right to interfere in the direction through an appointee called the Military Member.

He asked for the job to be abolished. Curzon refused. He argued, but finally agreed to give the system a year's trial—a promise which, it soon became apparent, he had no intention of keeping.

Curzon had described his new C-in-C as "aloof and alone" but he was far from being so. Unlike the Viceroy, he quickly surrounded himself with several able, loyal subordinates who were ready to die for him if necessary—and certainly willing to help in his intrigues.

He had also, before leaving London, established a private channel of communication through which he could always get the ear of the Government. This was his adoring admirer, Lady Salisbury.

To her he wrote his innermost thoughts and opinions, and she immediately rushed across to her husband or the Prime Minister, Balfour, to canvass their support.

Slowly, while the Viceroy relaxed, self-confidently, Kitchener began to flex his muscles. He had taken the measure of Curzon and decided that he was a temperamental titan with feet of clay. He forthwith took the first kick at the Viceroy's underpinnings by telling him that henceforward he must keep his feet out of those Army matters dealing with the defence of the frontiers of India.

'I'll resign'

When Curzon protested that he was not at all first man in the realm, Kitchener did something which gave Curzon his first appalling realisation that he had perhaps invited a cuckoo into his nest. Kitchener threatened to resign.

Now, resignation had always been the weapon Curzon used to browbeat the Government at home; but he was shrewd enough to see that from now on it was a threat he would have to abandon. If it came to a question of whose resignation should be accepted, his or Curzon's, there was no doubt that his sacrifice would be accepted. Curzon's own reputation was high, but Kitchener's was higher.

He gave way, with what graciousness he could muster, and from that moment Kitchener became undisputed lord of India's frontier.

the most superior person by LEONARD MOSLEY

him a liar, he wrote: "In the old days I should have called him out on it and shot him like a dog."

He did no such thing, however, for he realised that he did not need to do so. Curzon was busy shooting down himself.

The Cabinet telegraphed that in no circumstances should the character of their message be changed. Curzon immediately telegraphed back to Balfour telling him the message must be modified or he would go. "The Government will never allow me to resign," he wrote Mary. And he certainly did not mean his resignation to be taken seriously.

But Balfour read the telegram and took it at its face value.

On the morning of August 16, 1905, George Nathaniel Curzon, Viceroy of India, was at breakfast when a bearer brought an important dispatch from London. It was from the King. His resignation had been accepted.

It was all over. The great edifice he had so painfully and painstakingly built for himself had collapsed overnight, and lay all around him in miserable ruin.

SATURDAY:

THE MEETING WITH ELINOR GLYN

'I'd shoot him'

Curzon's tears dried immediately. He went back to the Viceroy's Council, roundly attacked the Cabinet message, and declared that thanks to his efforts the damage had been repaired and he had secured important concessions.

Kitchener was furious. A few days later when Curzon sent him a letter practically calling

THIS DOCTOR WHO DEALS IN DEATH...

BY DONALD SEAMAN

ON the rare nights when no one has dialled "M" for Murder you will find him sitting at the piano in his West End flat seeking relaxation in the wonder of Brahms or Mendelssohn.

Slim and sensitive fingers moving gently, inquiringly along the keyboard, soothing the lines from a tired, intelligent face.

The hands: you look at the hands when you meet this man. They are strong, scrubbed hands. The hands of a doctor.

The usual job of these hands is grim. For this doctor's business is not life but death. And even while his hands are busy on the keyboard his mind is turning over one of his most unpleasant and difficult cases.

His week

This small, almost dainty, man of 53 with the fringe of sandy hair round the high, domed forehead is Dr Keith Simpson, the great pathologist.

Another "M" for Murder call disturbed Dr Simpson's relaxation recently.

It came after a horrified father in Yatley, Hants, rang the police to tell them that his three sons had found the body of a child on the local green.

It was the body of 12-year-old Brenda Nash, the Girl Guide missing for more than six weeks. Even for Dr Simpson, accustomed over the years to calls at any hour of the day or night to investigate murder in all its savage variety, this was quite a week.

He was already working on the most difficult case in his 30 years' experience—the case of the Missing Loves.

Macabre

Although police investigation goes on ceaselessly, the final solution to the grim problem of Jack Love's car, riddled by the London docks, will rest with the quiet doctor.

And with him alone. He will have to say soon, and on oath, in his opinion the three bodies found 24ft, down in the black waters of Victoria Dock were those of Jack and Mary Love, unseen by any human eye since the afternoon of November 26, 1959.

He will be asked if he can say how they died. And the verdict returned by the coroner's jury—accident, suicide, double suicide—will be largely influenced by the evidence he gives.

In the days before he is called, the lights will burn late in his laboratories above the Gordon

Museum in the Medical School at Guy's Hospital, Southwark, London.

A grim place this, a macabre setting for his work.

Here are many thousands of exhibits from cases in the quiet doctor's files. Heath, High, Pettit. Murder upon murder, suicide upon countless suicide.

Preserved, not for any personal or morbid interest, but for the benefit of future generations of pathologists, so that the war against crime can go on.

The difficulties in the Love case are fantastic. The bodies' long immersion in that busy shipping berth. The total lack of any dental record to work from—always the most reliable guide to identity in such cases.

Yet police chiefs believe Dr Simpson will have his findings complete very soon.

What effect does it have on a man, to work in the sheer horror of cases such as this, year after year?

Rewards

His friends will tell you—none. This dedicated man—he has no hobbies outside his work—is relaxed, happy when he is off duty. He has a real sense of humour.

He finds peace in classical music, or, at week-ends, in walks through the Hertfordshire country, followed by a pint in a pub.

He is married—to his former secretary, Jean Scott Dunn, in March 1959. A happy marriage.

Few doctors become pathologists—the work is grim, the problems limitless. Fewer still become truly great ones.

Those who do—like Cedric Keith Simpson—enjoy substantial rewards, within the top Harley-street brackets. Fees for a major criminal investigation case, always involving long hours and many late nights, can be large. Simpson's are high.

Tonight, in his small laboratory where he helped solve so many murder cases, the lights will be burning late again as he works, skilfully and methodically.

And much later, away in the West End, the same skilful hands will move along the keyboard, seeking relaxation.



Gay Paree

London Express Service

THE BORDER 'WAR' IS HOTTING UP

Now Austrians demand: Send troops there

From WILLI FRISCHAUER: Vienna.

THEY call it "The Murderous Frontier," where shots are fired from giant watch towers and across barbed wire entanglements, where bombs explode on the rail tracks, where trigger-happy men stalk their victims at night.

It sounds like the beginning of a new war somewhere on the other side of the world.

It may indeed, well lead to serious consequences far and near. It happened recently in the heart of Europe, not many miles from Vienna.

Yet, according to Austrian "Iron Curtain" experts, a deep significance of world-wide implications attaches to the situation on their Eastern frontier.

Cross-fire

The incident was not much different from many previous occasions. Richard Grasch, a 22-year-old Austrian customs official was patrolling the frontier near St Margarethen, a small town in provincial Burgenland.

Suddenly two shots were fired at him from the other side. Grasch threw himself to the ground but when he tried to get up he was fired on from the watch tower and, as he ran for his life was pursued by cross-fire from the next watch tower. By a miracle he managed to escape unhurt.

Next morning, not far from the same spot, one of the few trains passing from Austria into Hungary approached the frontier when a violent explosion on the permanent way shook the train and broke its windows.

Escape

By a coincidence at about the same time, a Hungarian train passed quietly into Austria when loud knocks came from inside one of the sealed wheat wagons. Austrian officials found three Hungarians who had made good their escape from their Communist-controlled country.

The three cases are typical of the explosive—truly explosive—situation in this restless part of

the world. The Austrian government dispatched a commission to investigate the position as a result of which the government addressed an official protest to Hungary.

Like many similar protests before, it was pooh-poohed by the Hungarians.

A storm

In Vienna this spate of renewed Hungarian frontier activity has raised a political storm.

In Parliament the Austrian Defence Minister has been asked to provide troops to guard the frontier. But, as a neutral country, Austria is reluctant to take this step. It is one of the few countries in the world without military frontier guards—and intends to remain so.

But another aspect of these accidents caused by the itching trigger fingers of the Hungarians is of far greater significance.

In the first instance, of course, the Hungarians are anxious to stem the rising tide of refugees who look towards Austria as a land of freedom. Behind this anxiety, Vienna, which is the West's best listening-post for trends behind the Iron Curtain, sees an even deeper motive. There is, according to unimpeachable sources, much evidence of a political tightening-up inside Hungary.

The days of Janos Kadar, Hungary's post-revolutionary Prime Minister who attempted a more liberal course, are said to be numbered. Austrian Iron Curtain experts, who have long provided the Western governments with some of the most reliable forecasts of East European developments, interpret these moves as part of a Soviet plan to stabilise conditions on the Western fringe of their empire—that is, in the satellite countries—by all means at their disposal before 1961 is out.

In spite of the apparent, current uneasy truce between Russian and Chinese ideologies, Mr Khrushchev is said to view with apprehension the time—

COOPER THE COWBOY KING IS SO LONELY

THE indestructible Gary Cooper, last of the Hollywood age of kings and the man they say is now the loneliest in Beverly Hills, stood looking sadly at the ground.

He has every reason to be gloomy. All his contemporaries, the stars who have shared the credit titles with him for 30-odd years, have now died or retired.

Garbo, Colman, Chaney, Swanson, Barrymore, Negri. And now Gable.

They have left the long, lean Cooper on the set. Still working at 50. Still saddle-tough enough to be planning yet another Western. And still keen enough to be trying something new: he is making his first whodunit, "The Naked Edge".

I went to Eistree film studios, in Hertfordshire, to ask him how it feels, as the last of the great names of his era of Hollywood, to be planning a future.

I found him all alone. He stoops slightly now, and his amble is slower.

DEAF

He is a little deaf, and he speaks so softly that it is difficult to hear him at times.

He is slow to talk about the past, for he has a trail to ride. He gives away his years in films unconsciously, though—as when he refers to Spencer Tracy and James Cagney as "the younger bunch".

He said: "I signed my first contract with Paramount the day the great lover Rudolph Valentino died. (That was in 1926)."

"In those years we collected a thing called experience. Some people said it carried glamour as well."

CAREER

"I can't really explain why I'm still working, why I'm supposed to be at the top. I have never felt entitled to a long career."

He is not too happy about his venture into a whodunit. He said: "I know this is not for me, standing around with tea in one hand and Scotch in the other."

"I know where my name was made—and that it's time to make another Western."

Cooper believes now that after three years of searching he has found one worth making.

"The problems are big," he confessed. "TV is tumbling over with cowboys who have taken the place of conversation."

And now every newcomer to Hollywood wants to make a Western—Method actors and all. "They have found it pays off. You catch the kids and they become your fans for generations."

"Maybe that helps to explain why I'm still around."

—(London Express Service).



"Of course you can hear the clink of glasses, dear—I'm speaking from an optician's."



Behaviors are off, everybody—the boss can't make it for dinner."

WOMANSENSE

Jane Rogers reports....

A great fashion victory

THREE cheers for the modern mother-to-be! By sheer persistence, and a refusal to accept second-best, she has managed to persuade the maternity wear designers that a woman can be pregnant and fashionable.

The mother-to-be of the nineteen-sixties wants to go out dancing. She wants to give parties, to swim, to play a little tennis or ride. And she wants the right clothes to wear for every occasion. She won't be fobbed off with a floral smock—she knows what fashion she wants, and she sees that she gets it.

Like the vivid holly-red velvet dress that is a best-seller in the maternity departments this Christmas. Colourful, smartly-cut, but hardly figure-

JACOBY on BRIDGE

HOW do you handle the South hand after your partner opens one heart and raises you in spades?

You surely are interested in six and maybe in seven and want to ask about aces. So you bid four no-trump and your partner responds five diamonds. In Blackwood, this shows one ace. If it is the ace of diamonds you want to be in six. If it is the ace of clubs you are not sure. In any event you probably bid six on the theory that even if your partner's ace is the club ace, he may also hold the king of diamonds or a diamond may not be opened.

If you happen to be playing the Culbertson 4-5 no-trump you have no problem at all. His five diamond bid shows the ace of diamonds or no diamonds at all. With the ace of clubs he

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♥QJ37	♥64
♦Q5	♦1063
♣83	♣AJ1042
WEST	
♠2	♠97
♥1052	♥64
♦K984	♦1063
♣K875	♣AJ1042
SOUTH	
♠AQ10855	♠AK5
♥AK3	♥72
♦8	♦6
Both vulnerable.	
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would have bid five clubs; with two aces he would have bid five no-trump. So you go to six with complete confidence.

With all these advantages why is the Culbertson 4-5 no-trump convention as dead as the dodo today? There are two reasons. First of all, it was a trifle too complicated for the average player, but more important still, it was too restricted. You needed either two aces and the king of a bid suit or three aces to bid four no-trump.

figure, makes it possible to wear the pants again after the event.

And like the new maternity suits in chic fabrics and colours which are appearing in all the shops, to cater for the growing army of women who want to go on working during the waiting months, and want something elegant to wear.

Spotted at the maternity-wear collections I've just been shown, are a number of new, bright ideas for the mother-to-be. There are gay tops, for instance, made Chanel-fashion with satin binding, and a centre front fastening. After the baby arrives they make useful cardigans to wear around the house, to team with a casual skirt.

Tricot, the new washable wonder yarn that stays white has made its appearance for maternity wear. One model that is going to be a best-seller for summer is a simple dress made from knife-pleated white Tricot mounted on a yoked top. Two fashions that are particularly kind to the mother-to-be are dresses with its wide-swinging hem. This year they are making up these styles in a new uncrushable linen that looks and stays crisp, can be washed and drip-dried.

I've just been to a fashion show put on by students at one of London's most unorthodox schools of dressmaking.



Two designs by Page Boy for the modern mother

A Paris look dress in shadow-weave rayon with an attractive button-and-bow fastening.

A cool drip-dry linen-like fabric makes this sleeveless summer dress cut-Empire-style.

The principal, Mrs Francesca Phillips, believes in letting the girls tackle couture patterns right from the word go, instead of being subjected to the tedium of turning up hems, and putting zip fasteners in place.

their dressmaking lessons because they start on too-simple things which don't excite their imagination enough. This new dressmaking school aims to give its pupils a thorough training in fashion design and a knowledge of cutting and sketches as well as a purely technical grounding.

with glitter. To make them, two welders, supervised by the students, worked 14 hours a day for 14 days.

"We were particularly pleased because our design was one of fifteen submitted," Ben John told me. "Since then we have been amazed at the number of people who want to buy them for their gardens."

If Ben and Mike's hopes are fulfilled there will be peacocks, rather than fairies, at the bottom of a good many gardens by next Christmas.

Causing more comment, even than the angel decorations in Regent-street, these huge birds—one is 14 ft. long—were designed by two bright young students from the Royal College of Art: Ben John and Mike Hall.

The Peacocks are welded out of half inch and three-sixteenths steel, and are coated



HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When using soap-powder for washing up, store it in a jar and measure it out by spoonfuls. It will prove more economical.

Before setting out on a picnic, soap the bottom of your kettle

and pans, and you will find that the soot will wash off easily.

Finger marks sometimes show through new wallpaper near light switches. Paint over the old paper with nail polish before the new is put on.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

New Home For Chris

—Hand Knows A Place Where It's Always Spring—

By MAX TRELL

CHRISTOPHER Cricket was sitting under a thin, leafless bush in the park. It was a cold and dreary day. And Christopher was hugging himself against the sharp wind that rattled through the twigs of the bush.

Hardly noticed guitar

Christopher's guitar was strapped to his shoulder. He hardly noticed that it was there. All through the summer he had played cheerful songs. Ah, but those days were gone now, for winter was coming on.

Christopher was in this miserable plight when Knarf and Hand, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, who were taking a brisk walk through the park, accidentally noticed him.

"Oh, you poor boy," said Hand, putting her hand around him to shield him from the wind. "You're shivering."

"I'm cold," said Christopher. Knarf looked at Christopher and shook his head.

"If you're cold now, when winter's just beginning, how are you going to feel in the middle of winter when it's really cold?" he asked.

Seeks warm spot

"I don't know," chattered Christopher. "I wish I could go to a place where the flowers are blooming, where there are leaves on the trees, where it's nice and warm and there's no wind."

"Poor Christopher," said Hand again.

"I wish I were a bird," said Christopher. "When it gets cold and winter begins to come, the birds all fly where it's warm and green and sunny."

"It's no use wishing to be a bird," said Knarf. "You're a Cricket, and you'd better get used to being a Cricket."

"But why," said Christopher in his sorrowful voice, "can't I go where the flowers are bloom-



Chris Cricket was overjoyed when he saw the greenhouse.

ing and the leaves were as green as they had ever been in the middle of the summer.

And at that moment, just to make the scene even more cheerful, the sun shone down through the clouds.

"It's beautiful!" gasped Christopher Cricket.

The next instant he dashed under the door of the greenhouse.

When Knarf and Hand saw Christopher again, he was sitting under a banana tree inside the greenhouse, strumming his guitar and singing, singing, singing.

"That's the place for me," said Christopher.

But Knarf said:

"There can't be any such place, Hand. When it's winter, it's winter all over."

"I'm telling the truth," she said. "The place I'm thinking of is like a garden and it's right here in the park, too!"

Then Christopher Cricket took Hand's arm on one side and Knarf took her arm on the other. And down the path they went, straight across the park, past the lake, with the bits of ice floating in it, and past the trees without any leaves, and past the grass that now looked grey instead of green, and finally Hand cried out:

"There it is! There's the place I mean!"

She pointed to the big round glass greenhouse that they all had looked at before but had almost completely forgotten!

Sure enough, inside the greenhouse, the flowers were bloom-

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A bone of contention which has marred your relationship with a close friend will soon be removed.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): This may be a day when you are feeling a bit off colour. Some cheerful company in the evening will soon put you in a better mood.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It may involve a certain sacrifice on your part, but a debt of honour ought to be settled without further procrastination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Generosity is a most admirable trait but you are likely to overdo it unless you decide firmly to draw a line somewhere.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A preposterous idea will be submitted to you involving the expenditure of time and money you can ill

afford. Turn it down right from the start.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A splendid opportunity will present itself, today to vent a long-nourished grievance and you will feel better after having blown off some steam.

LEO (July 22-August 21): You will meet someone today who shares many of your interests and whom you will recognise as a kindred spirit.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): After some initial failure to secure a firm hold you will find that you have at last chosen the proper road to success.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): You have been waiting impatiently for a long time for the fulfilment of a promise made to you, and the person involved is now ready to keep his word.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Due to ignorance of some salient facts you have not been able to finish the difficult task you have set yourself, but after an enlightening talk it will be much easier going.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): After due consideration you will feel that a project submitted to you ought to be rejected, since it may involve you in somewhat doubtful dealings.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Your imagination will be stirred today by news of a friend's great stroke of luck.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday, you can look forward to greatly increased activity in your social life.

Rupert and the Purple Star—26



Back inside "Sally-Sun's" shop, Rupert looked at the little box. "I wonder if I can find the place where he hides that," he murmured, "and whether it is too heavy for me to carry." He took it off the table, but just as he got it into his arms the lid closed with a snap.

"Oh dear, I shut up to it to get the old paper in," he thought. "I didn't know the lid was on a spring. And now it won't open again! And Sally-Sun's taking the box. All at once he stops to listen. What was that noise?" he whispers.

YOU MUST BE GENTLE WITH POTATOES

OF all our daily vegetables, the potato is the most delicately flavoured. It is also the most delicate in itself, in that it cannot stand the rough usage it so often gets. By "rough usage," I mean over-cooking and hanging about after it has been cooked.

Like a soufflé, it is perfect only when consumed the minute it is cooked.

It does not fall or look ill-created in the way a soufflé does when it has to wait, but it takes on a "staleness" that nothing can remove.

That is why those who know food exclaim over a perfectly boiled potato. Potatoes which are boiled, should be dried out over a low heat or before a fire.

It is an excellent idea to cover them closely with a folded clean linen cloth, which will trap the rising steam, but this should not last more than a minute or so.

It is against all culinary practice but, when I mash and whip boiled potatoes, I do not add hot milk to them because the creamless part of the milk tends to swamp the delicate flavour of the potatoes.

Instead, I reserve the potato-water and pour back a little of it, at a time, adding a nice lump of butter and a dollop of cream, which I extract from the top of the milk with a gadget which resembles a huge fountain-pen filler.

You may not agree with this but it is worth trying.

After mashing the potatoes, I whip them, and the best whisk I have found is a simple wire one, shaped like an Italian club but more so. I have several of these whisks of different sizes and I do not know what I would do without them.

The longer you whip, the higher and the whiter the potatoes will be.

COOKING COLUMN

BY HELEN BURKE

THE stalks of small white mushrooms will do very well for Cream of Mushroom soup but 4 oz. whole mushrooms, washed but not peeled, will be better.

For 4 servings, simmer a finely chopped Spanish onion in 1½ oz. butter until it is translucent. Sprinkle in 1½ oz. flour and work it well in. Simmer gently for a minute, then stir in 1½ pint stock or milk. Add the sliced mushrooms, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Add seasoning to taste.

Beat together an egg yolk and up to ¼ pint single cream or top milk. Stir them into the soup. Reheat but do not boil. Sprinkle with chopped parsley, if you like, and serve at once.

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SUCCESSFUL HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Army 'A' retain men's trophy after exciting extra-time final against Army 'B'

By NUMPERE

The Hongkong Hockey Association's Annual Festival held at Sookunpoo yesterday was an outstanding success. Last year's winners in the Men's tournament, Army 'A', retained the trophy but only after being taken to extra-time in the final by last year's plate winners Army 'B'.

In the Plate Competition, Nav Bharat 'A' were close winners over Recreo by 2-1.

KCV 'A' won the Ladies' Tournament defeating St George's 3-0 in the final, and KCC beat KCV 'B' by 3-0 to win the Plate Competition.

Although starting a few minutes late the schedule was well maintained with all finals being played on time. This was due in no small measure to the hard work put in by the Association Chairman Mr. A. G. Brandt who controlled the whole proceedings, ably assisted by Mrs. Brandt as time-keeper and recorder. I am sure that all the players were very appreciative of their efforts.

The panel of umpires also worked very hard and only one incident was noticed throughout the entire festival which reflects well upon the standard of umpiring. Of the 17 teams entered for the Men's tournaments HMS Crane failed to put in an appearance but with the draw already made, the programme had to be adhered to and in the one preliminary round Dutch HC went through into the first round with a win over Demons.

Two shocks

The first round produced two shocks with Army 'B' winning comfortably against Nav Bharat 'A' and RAF beating Recreo.

Recreo were only holding five of their regular 'A' team but the RAF were also without three of their usual league players. The other first round winners were HMS Harland Point, KCC 'A', HKHC 'A' by a walk-over HMS Crane, HKHC 'B' and Army 'A'.

The losers who thus entered the Plate Competition were Demons, Nav Bharat 'A', Lions, Nav Bharat 'B', Recreo, KCC 'B' and Army 'C'. They were joined by HKHC 'A' who lost their first match to RAF actually in the second round.

The second round produced no shocks with Army 'B', IRC, RAF and Army 'A' going through against Harland Point, KCC 'A', HKHC 'A' and Army 'C' respectively. The IRC versus KCC 'A' match produced a few fireworks but no score or corners, IRC going through by virtue of the fact that the ball was in KCC's half at full-time.

In the first semi-final RAF nearly upset Army 'A' only losing by one short and one long corner to one short corner, after being in the lead at half-time.

The Army kept a very tight shut on RAF's Ryan but the issue was in doubt until the final whistle when the Army having the edge in the second half.

In the other semi-final Army 'B' defeated IRC to make the final an all Army affair.

Men's final

As was to be expected, this men's final between two Army teams, was a very fast, exciting encounter.

The Army always seem to have the ability to go flat out from the bully-off and it was Army 'A' who went first into the attack, Norman conceding a corner from Narbu Lama's shot. This was cleared but Army 'A' swept back into the attack with a Frusher-Holmes movement but from Frusher's final pass Goodson shot wide.

Most of the crowd were cheering for the 'B' side but it was Army 'A' who went ahead in the 10th minute. A strong clearance from Oliphant found Holmes who passed to Frusher and the

right-winger ran through to give Wade no chance. One minute later Frusher made an opening for Holmes but he missed his shot at goal, the ball travelling to Bockett whose shot was deflected behind by Leach.

Army 'B' cleared the corner and half-time came with Army 'A' still in the lead by 1-0.

Further ahead

From the start of the second half Army 'B' attacked strongly but found Oliphant and Pettifer very strong in defence. With this period only two minutes old Army 'A' went further ahead.

Oliphant sent the ball through and goalkeeper Wade went for it but missed his kick and Narbu Lama, following up, had an empty net to push the ball into.

From the bully Army 'B' attacked up the right wing, Fearn kicking clear twice from Limbu and Humfrey but Tilley obtained possession and reduced the arrears with a terrific shot.

Play was swinging from end to end and Sullivan shot past for Army 'A'. From the 10-yard hit Humfrey went away and had two shots saved by Fearn but again Tilley came in from the left wing and beat Fearn to level the scores.

With only three minutes left for play the excitement was intense and Army 'A' went very close. Levin clearing brilliantly off the goal-line, but neither side could score the decider and so the game went to extra-time, which, by the rules, was to be of three minutes each way or until the first goal was scored.

Extra-time

The first period of three minutes produced plenty of excitement with Army 'B' having the better of the play. They had their chance when Limbu centred to Ran Bahadur but the centre-forward missed the ball and so the teams changed over once more only to find it all over.

Holmes worked his way through and gave Narbu Lama a perfect pass for him to bang the ball home and keep the shield in Army 'A's possession. Army 'A' were worthy winners but the game was as close as the 3-2 score suggests.

Teams

The teams were: Army 'A': Fearn, Pettifer, Oliphant, Pearce, Bowell, Goodban, Frusher, Holmes, Narbu Lama, Bockett, Sullivan. Army 'B': Wade, Sankey, Norman, Leach, Lettin, McLelland, Gabriel Limbu, Humfrey, Ran Bahadur, Davies, Tilley.

Plate competition

In the Plate competition Demons, Nav Bharat 'B', HKHC 'A' and KCC 'B' were eliminated in the first round making the two semi-finals Nav Bharat 'A' vs Lions and Recreo vs Army 'C'.

Nav Bharat 'A' had a comfortable win over Lions but the second semi-final was decided in Recreo's favour on the number of corners.

Plate final

This final between Nav Bharat 'A' and Recreo also provided good entertaining hockey and as usual Pat Gardner was outstanding but here again it was a very close-fought encounter.

ARE HOCKEY PLAYERS REALLY DISSATISFIED WITH THE UMPIRES?

On Christmas morning, deciding to leave the train-set alone for a few minutes and scan the news, I picked up one of our local papers and turning to the back page first as usual was shocked to read "What would happen if Colony's hockey umpires went on strike?"

Let me say first that I have no axe to grind, only an inherent love of the game, which I have closely followed for over 20 years in the United Kingdom, India and Iraq and for the past two seasons in Hongkong.

Firstly the word itself 'Umpire'. It is derived from a Middle English word Nompere which came into use about 1362 with the meaning 'Peerless', 'none equal', 'odd man above all' and through usage developed from Nompere to Umpire and was used in sport roughly two and a half centuries ago.

I do not for one moment suggest that there are 'none equal' to the umpires in Hongkong, but in my experience they are no worse and no better than those found elsewhere.

On the average, I watch between four and six matches every week-end including First Division, Second Division and Ladies' Division and have yet to hear anti-umpire comments come thick and fast from players during a game. Perhaps I have always watched the wrong matches, but I have only seen one bad case of misinterpretation of the rules of hockey this season, and that was

commented upon in this column. I have also yet to hear the ominous rumblings in hockey circles which threaten to disrupt the sport.

Surely if players comment upon umpires during a game the cure is in the umpires' hands. A paramount rule of umpiring is to obtain and retain complete control of the game and if comments are heard from players a timely word of warning is normally all that is necessary.

On the other hand if clubs are not satisfied with the umpires I am sure the Hongkong Hockey Association would be only too pleased to receive and investigate adverse reports.

I fail to see what benefit could be derived from a meeting of players and umpires. What would the meeting discuss? The rules? Surely they are plain enough as published and no amount of discussion can change them. Admittedly interpretations vary but the same can be said of any sporting rules.

By and large I think the majority of players in the Colony, appreciating the dearth of really top class umpires who are few and far between anywhere, are reasonably satisfied with the standards and if they are not I would leave them with this thought—some umpires officiate at as many as four matches at the weekend without even expenses, whilst players play only one. Why not take up whistling and help to improve their lot?

Meckiff, Rorke do not throw says Gilligan

Melbourne, Dec. 27. Former England captain and Test commentator, Arthur Gilligan, said today that Australian fast bowlers Ian Meckiff and Gordon Rorke did not throw.

"Much of the trouble over them was the fault of English sports writers," Mr. Gilligan said. "Some of our chaps are always looking for sensation." He said he would agree with some claims that Meckiff had been "crucified" by English writers.

Gilligan said that neither Meckiff nor Rorke was anything like as dangerous to batsmen as Roy Gilchrist of the West Indies. He said he thought the throwing controversy would soon die a natural death.

The recent agreement on throwing for the next Australia-England Test series was "great cricket statesmanship," Gilligan said he had been delighted by reports of the lively Australia-West Indies Test.

"What we need now in England is the same sort of cricket," he said.

Mr and Mrs Gilligan arrived in Melbourne today in the liner Oriana—China Mail Special.

Fined for poking his tongue out

Sydney, Dec. 27. Young apprentice H. Cartwright was fined £210 by the stewards at Randwick racecourse today after he had poked his tongue out at punters who heckled him.

Cartwright had just finished last on the heavily backed Gold Track in the three-year-old Maiden Handicap after the filly had run off the course at the three-furlong post when well clear of the rest of the field.

When Cartwright unsaddled Gold Track, punters on the fence began heckling him and he began to throw his arms. He was told to stop by the stewards and he was fined £210 for poking his tongue out at them. Mr Bourke said he considered this "gross misconduct"—China Mail Special.

Meckiff unfit for Test

Adelaide, Dec. 27. Sir Donald Bradman announced here tonight that Ian Meckiff, Australia's controversial fast bowler, would not be fit for Friday's second Test match against the West Indies.

Sir Donald, who is chairman of Australia's Board of Cricket Control, said a replacement for Meckiff would be announced as soon as possible.

He did not mention opening batsman Colin McDonald, who took part in net practice today when the second Test is being played.

McDonald received chest bruising in the first Test after being struck by Wesley Hall, the West Indies fast bowler. The absence of any statement about McDonald has been taken to mean that the opener will definitely be fit for the game.

Meckiff injured the Achilles tendon of his heel in the first Test match at Brisbane and after he had practised this morning, a doctor reported that the injury was not yet healed.—China Mail Special.

STIRLING MOSS WINS S. AFRICA GRAND PRIX

East London, Dec. 27. Stirling Moss, Britain's speed ace, roared round 80 laps totalling 195 miles to win the seventh annual South African Grand Prix here today.

Moss was driving a Porsche in the class, which though not counting for the World Championship, was the first Grand Prix to be held under the new 1961 1½ litre Formula, which officially operates from January 1.

Lap record

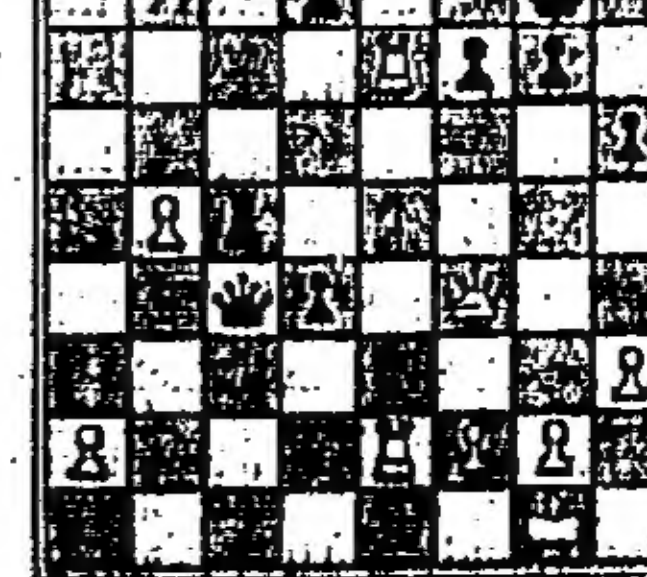
Moss clocked two hours 11 minutes two seconds at an average speed of 89.24 miles an hour.

Towards the end of the gruelling race, Jonathan Bannister, of Sweden, who finished second in another Porsche, set up a new lap record.

The Swede covered the 2.5 miles circuit at 91.68 mph. World champion Jack Brabham, of Australia, finished third in a Cooper-Climax.—Reuter.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play. White to move and win. Solution No. 5948. — This is a classic example of the "pure white" problem. White has to set for White to mate if Black moves first, so White must waste a move, and the only one which will do it is Bf1. 1. Bf1. 2. Kf2. 3. Qf3. 4. Qf4. 5. Qf5. 6. Qf6. 7. Qf7. 8. Qf8. 9. Qf9. 10. Qf10. 11. Qf11. 12. Qf12. 13. Qf13. 14. Qf14. 15. Qf15. 16. Qf16. 17. Qf17. 18. Qf18. 19. Qf19. 20. Qf20. 21. Qf21. 22. Qf22. 23. Qf23. 24. Qf24. 25. Qf25. 26. Qf26. 27. Qf27. 28. Qf28. 29. Qf29. 30. Qf30. 31. Qf31. 32. Qf32. 33. Qf33. 34. Qf34. 35. Qf35. 36. Qf36. 37. Qf37. 38. Qf38. 39. Qf39. 40. Qf40. 41. Qf41. 42. Qf42. 43. Qf43. 44. Qf44. 45. Qf45. 46. Qf46. 47. Qf47. 48. Qf48. 49. Qf49. 50. Qf50. 51. Qf51. 52. Qf52. 53. Qf53. 54. Qf54. 55. Qf55. 56. Qf56. 57. Qf57. 58. Qf58. 59. Qf59. 60. Qf60. 61. Qf61. 62. Qf62. 63. Qf63. 64. Qf64. 65. Qf65. 66. Qf66. 67. Qf67. 68. Qf68. 69. Qf69. 70. Qf70. 71. Qf71. 72. Qf72. 73. Qf73. 74. Qf74. 75. Qf75. 76. 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